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22. The receipts from tolls on roads and bridges have been estimated at Rs 3 lakhs. Information received since the estimates were prepared, shows that we are likely to have a substantial increase under this head.

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

23. The total budgeted expenditure chargeable to revenue in the next year is Rs 234·9 lakhs. This sum includes the contribution to the Devaswom Fund of Rs 16 lakhs, as its share of the land revenue collections. The direct demands on revenue take up Rs 31 lakhs, Administration of Justice Rs 11·71 lakhs, Palace Rs 13·28 lakhs, Army and Defence Rs 14·38 lakhs, Pension and Miscellaneous nearly Rs 10 lakhs and General Administration Rs 4·61 lakhs. Interest and Sinking Fund charges amount to Rs 5·75 lakhs, the former representing what we have to pay mainly to our Savings Bank depositors and the latter, as will be seen from the statement printed at page 8 of the Budget Estimates, the annual deductions from revenue for redemption of our debenture loan which falls due in 1117 M. E. and for the purchase of the Shencottah-Quilon Railway line.

24. We may now turn to the larger items of our expenditure on the *directly beneficial services* for which a total provision of Rs 104·3 lakhs has been made from revenue, as under :—

Education ...	Rs 45·69 lakhs.	
Public Works ... (excluding working expenses under Productive Irrigation)	Rs 42·17	,,
Medical and Sanitary ...	Rs 10·79	,,
Minor Departments—		
Agricultural, Industrial and Scientific and Miscellaneous ...	Rs 5·65	,,
Total ...	Rs 104·30 lakhs,	

out of a total expenditure of Rs 234·9 lakhs, *i. e.*, nearly one half of our total budgeted expenditure, if we exclude the contribution to the Devaswom Fund. The provision is nearly Rs 11½ lakhs more than the probable expenditure in the current year, the increases being mainly under Public Works (7 lakhs) and Education (3 lakhs).

25. *Public Works.* I shall take up this department first. The budgeted expenditure from revenue is Rs 43 lakhs inclusive

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of working expenses deducted from irrigation receipts. This is distributed as follows :—

Public Works proper (of this amount two-thirds is for Communications)	...	Rs 33·40	lakhs.
Establishment	...	Rs 5·59	,,
Tools and Plant	...	Rs 2·00	,,
Protective Irrigation and other minor irrigation works	...	Rs 2·14	,,
Total...		Rs 43·13	lakhs.

from which the fraction has been omitted for rounding. This figure is exclusive of expenditure on works by the Maramat Department on both Devaswom and non-Devaswom items.

26. Full details of the proposed expenditure on works in progress and on new works are given as usual in the appendices to the budget estimates. The provision for works in progress includes Rs 4 lakhs for the Pallivasal-Neriamangalam Road, which is a non-recurring item of considerable expenditure, half a lakh each for the Delhi Palace and the Women's College buildings, ·45 of a lakh for gravelling the road from Alleppey to Arukutty, ·3 of a lakh for the Kumili-Devicolam cart road, ·2 of a lakh for a bridge across the Manimala river, and ·15 of a lakh for another bridge across the stream at Kothamangalam.

27. The schedule of new expenditure includes the construction of an Agricultural school and hostel at Konni, extra gravelling of the road between Shertallai and Aroor, a provision for spraying three miles of road in Trivandrum Town with tar, construction of bridges and culverts on ryots' roads, improvements to markets, and the electrification of Government buildings in Trivandrum Town.

28. The expenditure on annual maintenance and repairs goes up slightly, to Rs 12·19 lakhs, excluding special repairs amounting to half a lakh of rupees. Nearly three-fourths of the expenditure on maintenance is spent on Communications.

29. The provision for tools and plant includes a special sum of Rs 1·34 lakhs which is required in connection with the programme of construction but this will not be a recurring item. Deducting the special provisions in the year, the normal allotment for Public Works will stand at about Rs 36 lakhs.

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30. *Education.* The total expenditure budgeted for the next year is Rs 45·69 lakhs. Vernacular Education gets 17·69 lakhs, English School Education 7·24 lakhs, University or, as it is stated in the accounts, 'Collegiate' Education 4·09 lakhs, Special School Education ·85 of a lakh and Controlling Agencies 1·91 lakhs. Grants and Scholarships come to Rs 12·02 lakhs inclusive of special grants to Colleges for furniture and appliances, (·49 lakh) and for buildings (·42 lakh). The provision for Primary Education in Departmental schools is Rs 9·64 lakhs including a lump sum provision of ·65 of a lakh for additional classes and divisions in vernacular schools but without taking into account grants-in-aid which would come to about Rs 6½ lakhs. The total for Primary Education would thus be over Rs 15 lakhs.

31. We have not been able to put in any definite provision for raising the pay and grants to Primary School teachers. The Committee appointed to make proposals in this behalf together with proposals for financing their scheme, have submitted their report. This report has been examined by the Director of Public Instruction who has quite recently submitted his remarks. Government have not had the time to consider the reports and it has not been possible to make any definite provision in the present estimate. Government realise that the bulk of these teachers draw at present only a very small pay and the question of ameliorating their condition cannot be deferred much longer. The House will however realise that an improvement in the pay of some 12,000 men and women is one that cannot be accomplished without a large recurring expenditure having to be faced. Government do not flinch from facing such recurring expenditure as may be needed, but it has to be carefully considered to what extent additional revenue should be found to meet this extra cost, or to what extent and in what directions any curtailment of expenditure is practicable. The Committee's proposals include the levy of additional fees in Vernacular Middle Schools to cover the cost of the proposal which they have had to make for improving the pay of teachers in Vernacular Middle and High Schools also as a consequence of their main proposals. The question of the extent of State aid to Vernacular Middle School education can no longer be ignored. The net expenditure now incurred on this section is approximately Rs 6½ lakhs. Government propose, after consulting the Finance Committee, to ask in the course of the year for a supplementary grant to the extent needed for the revision of pay that may ultimately be decided on. And before doing so they look forward to

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informing themselves of the views of the members on the subject. Copies of the Committee's report are accordingly placed in the hands of members.

32. *Medical and Sanitary.* The provision in the budget is Rs 10·79 lakhs. This includes funds for opening two more dispensaries. An increase of rupees half a lakh over the current year's figure is provided under purchase of medicines to enable a satisfactory supply to all hospitals and dispensaries. Under Sanitary, a provision of rupees quarter of a lakh is made for a Scheme of Public Health to be organised with the co-operation, it is hoped, of the Rockefeller Foundation. It is in contemplation to depute two Medical officers to America for a year's special training.

33. Among the proposed items of expenditure on new services which will all be found detailed in the appropriate portions of the estimates, may be mentioned the following :—

Land Revenue. Temporary staff for sub-dividing minor circuits available for registry in Thodupuzha, Kunnathunad and certain other Puduval Taluks Rs ·25 lakh.

An additional temporary survey school to be opened in the Kottayam Division.

Excise. A lump provision of Rs ·2 of a lakh for revision of the pay of the Petty Officers and Peons.

Registration. Another lump sum provision of Rs ·25 lakh for revision of the pay of the clerks in Registration offices.

Education. Additional staff for the Women's College consequent on the raising of its status to a First Grade College (Rs ·19 lakh) and arrangements for a special course of Manual Training for Women teachers.

Agriculture. Improvements to agricultural live-stock including free inoculation of cattle against rinder-pest (Rs ·17 lakh).

An Agricultural school and hostel at Konni.

Industries. Scheme for encouraging weaving among the Pulayas.

Medical. Employment of an additional staff of 13 Indian and two European trained nurses in Hospitals and dispensaries.

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Co-operative Department. The appointment of permanent Inspectors and staff in place of temporary men.

Anchal. A lump sum of Rs ·2 lakh mainly for the improvement of the pay of the Anchal Masters and Clerks in Anchal offices and Rs ·02 lakh for opening of additional Anchal Offices in the State.

Extension of Anchal Motor Services between Devicolam and Marayur, and Alleppey and Aroor and an extra service between Trivandrum and Nagercoil.

Observatory. A small provision has been made for starting pilot baloon observations.

34. The Budget provides for the continuance of the Third Bench of the High Court and of the temporary Second Judges' and Munsiffs' Courts and of the temporary Sirkar Vakils. Provision has also been made under General Administration for a revision of the Land Revenue Manual which could not be undertaken in the current year and for strengthening Municipal audits.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

35. *Railways.* Rs 15·38 lakhs. The expenditure on the Chakkai-Thampanur extension which has had to be postponed to the next year has been already referred to. The provision in the next year's estimates for this work is Rs. 14·61 lakhs. This includes the cost of the land acquisition staff which is mainly employed on this scheme though ultimately a small portion of the charges will be debitable to the Trivandrum Water Works Scheme. A provision of Rs ·37 of a lakh is made for Surveys and Rs ·4 of a lakh for Works on the Quilon—Trivandrum Railway line.

36. *Trivandrum Water Works.* I have already stated that the budgeted expenditure on this scheme could not be spent in the current year. The investigations however, have made substantial progress and the Executive Engineer in charge of the Water Works has just returned after visiting important Water Works in various parts of India. The detailed estimate of the scheme will soon be ready. A provision of Rs 10 lakhs is made for expenditure in the next year.

37. *The Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.* The current year's provision is expected to be fully spent in the year. The supply of materials has been already arranged for and the materials are being received and the work is making rapid progress. The

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